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SUBJ: MISCREANTS ALLEGEDLY TRAINED IN INDIA

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1. AT THE MOMENT IT SEEMS, FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, THAT THE BD-INDIAN BORDER IS FAIRLY QUIET, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A. HOWEVER, THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION HAS CONTINUED SINCE MID-AUGUST TO PUBLICIZE THE ARRESTS OF MISCREANTS TRAINED IN INDIA AND INFILTRATED ACROSS THE BORDER IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF SABOTAGE WITHIN BANGLADESH. (REFTEL B).
2. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE DACCA PRESS SEPTEMBER 9 PROMINENTLY REPORTED THE DETAILS OF TRAINING IN INDIA OF EIGHT BANGLADESHI MEN CAPTURED FOR SABOTAGE IN MYMENSINGH DISTRICT WITHIN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THE PRESS CARRIED THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS AND THEIR NAMES INDICATED THAT THEY WERE BOTH HINDU AND MUSLIM.
3. ACCORDING TO BSS, THE GOVERNMENT WIRE SERVICE, THE

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MEN CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE EITHER LURED TO INDIA BY

PROMISES OF JOBS OR "FORCIBLY TAKEN ACROSS THE BORDER." ONCE ACROSS THE BORDER, IT WAS REPORTEDLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO RETURN TO BANGLADESH AND THOSE WHO TRIED WERE KILLED OR "AWARDED SEVERE PUNISHMENT." THE BANGLADESHI YOUTHS WERE GIVEN EXTENSIVE TRAINING BY INDIAN BORDER SECURITY FORCES (BSF) IN THE USE OF LMG G-3 RIFLES, HAND GRENADES AND PISTOLS AT TRAINING CAMPS IN INDIAN NEAR CHANDUBUI, DEMNIKURA AND MEGHALYA. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY TOLD BY THE INDIAN BSF "HOW TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH AND MAKE BANGLADESH AGAIN INDEPENDENT." KADER "TIGER" SIDDIQUI ALSO WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN BY ONE OF THE CAPTURED MISCREANTS IN THE COMPANY OF INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS AT CHANDUBUI. SIDDIQUI ALLEGEDLY ALSO URGED THOSE IN TRAINING TO "LIBERATE BANGLADESH."

4. ON SEPTEMBER 13, THE MOST DETAILED STORY YET OF ALLEGED INDIAN SUBVERSIVE ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESHI MISCREANTS WAS PUBLISHED. A MAN NAMED MAHFOOZ ALAM BEG, IDENTIFIED AS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF SECURITY FOR BDG AGENCY, WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING ESCAPED RECENTLY FROM A MISCREANT TRAINING CAMP IN INDIA AFTER RECEIVING TRAINING THERE FOR NEARLY TEN MONTHS. AFTER SURRENDERING TO BANGLADESHI AUTHORITIES, BEG DESCRIBED TO REPORTERS THAT HE WAS SHELTERED WITH OTHER BD MISCREANTS IN A HOUSE AT BHABANIPUR NEAR CALCUTTA, GIVEN SEVEN RUPEES/DAY ALLOWANCE, AND INTERVIEWED BY AN OFFICER OF THE INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY AND A JOINT SECRETARY OF THE INDIAN CABINET DIVISION. EACH OF THE OFFICIALS WANTED TO KNOW THE RELATIVE POPULARITY OF THE AWAMI LEAGUE. LATER, ACCORDING TO BEG, HE WAS FLOWN TO DEHRA DUN WHERE HE AND ANOTHER 250 MISCREANTS WERE GIVEN EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN EXPLOSIVES. HIS CONTACT THERE WAS REPORTEDLY AN INDIAN BRIGADIER, BHUSAN TEWARI, WHO EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE PRESENT BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT. IN APRIL, BEG REPORTED THAT HE WAS GIVEN A CODE NAME, TAKEN TO AGARTALA, ASSIGNED WITH A TEAM TO DESTROY A BRIDGE AND PROMISED 10,000 TAKA FOR HIS EFFORTS. HOW, HAVING TURNED HIMSELF IN, BEG STRESSED THAT BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL AMNESTY OFFERED BY THE BDG TO "MISGUIDED" MISCREANTS, THEY "NOW STOOD FULLY DISILLUSIONED AND COULD SEE THROUGH THE EVIL DESIGN OF INDIA."

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5. COMMENT: THE BDG, AS PART OF ITS CAMPAIGN TO INTERNATIONALIZE ITS GRIEVANCES WITH INDIA, SEEMS COMPELLED TO PUBLICIZE MISCREANTS BEHAVIOR WHENEVER IT CAN. HOWEVER, THE THEME NOW IS THAT THE INTERNAL SABOTAGE, RATHER THAN THE WORK OF BANGLADESHI MALCONTENTS, IS COMMITTED INSTEAD BY UNWILLING PARTICIPANTS HOODWINKED BY THE INDIAN BSF INTO SHAMEFUL ACTS AGAINST THE MOTHERLAND.
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